

Sept. 6, 2005 - News Briefs

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News Briefs: Week of Sept. 6 - 12, 2005

First Transit Village Area plan workshop scheduled

The first Transit Village Area plan workshop, scheduled for 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the West Senior Center, 909 Arapahoe Ave. and will feature Peter Albert of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) as the guest speaker.

The workshop is open to the community. Free child care and translation services will be provided at all meetings. Those planning to attend are asked to call (303) 441-3229 or register online at www.bouldertransitvillage.net.

The Transit Village Area is bordered by Valmont Road on the north, Arapahoe Avenue on the south, and Foothills Highway and 28 th Street on the east and west. The area planning process will consider how land use, housing and transportation changes might help the neighborhood and the entire community take advantage of the area's assets and investments. For more information, go to www.bouldertransitvillage.net.

Planning and Development Services Center closure

The city of Boulder's Planning and Development Services (P&DS) Center, 1739 Broadway, will be closed for a staff in-service day on Tuesday, Sept. 13. During the closure, building inspections will be scheduled and conducted as usual and the services center phones will be answered by staff at (303) 441-1880. The P&DS Center will reopen at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Municipal Court closed until 1 p.m. on Friday

The Boulder Municipal Court will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, for a staff meeting. The Municipal Court is located in the Boulder County Justice Center at 1777 6 th Street. The court closes the second Friday of each month for a staff meeting. Regular hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Learn about nature photography

Join city of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Outreach Specialist Ellen Orleans as she shares photography tips during an easy three-mile hike from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Sage Trailhead in Boulder Valley Ranch off of Highway 36. Develop an artist's eye and photograph the wealth of beauty that September brings to Boulder. All abilities ages 8 and up are welcome. Visit www.osmp.org or call (303) 441-3440 for more information.

Help build a new trail

The city of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department, in partnership with the Boulder Off-road Alliance, is looking for volunteers to help build a new trail on the Marshall Mesa- South Grasslands Trail near 66 th Street on Saturday, Sept. 17. The new trail will link Marshall Mesa to 66 th Street. Breakfast and lunch will be served to volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up online at www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/involved/volunteers.htm#boaproject or call OSMP at (720) 564-2013.

Enter the Open Space and Mountain Parks photography contest

Amateur photographers are invited to enter the city of Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Park's Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers can enter four categories, including "People and Recreation," "Flora and Fauna," "Scenic," and "OSMP Message." A special category for budding photographers is available for entrants 13 years of age and younger. For more information, visit www.osmp.org or call (303) 441-3440.

Volunteers needed for weed pull on Sept. 8

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Conservation Team is looking for volunteers to help remove loosestrife, a non-native plant from a wetland area at Coot Lake from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 8, at the Tom Watson Park gazebo located at 6180 N. 63rd Street.

Bring rubber boots or a pair of shoes that can get muddy, long pants, sun screen, bug spray, water bottle, and snacks. Bring hand clippers and work gloves if you have them. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact Mary Malley at (303) 413-7245 or malley@m.ci.boulder.co.us or Melanie Coulter, coulterm@ci.boulder.co.us.

Youth pottery classes scheduled

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department is offering youth pottery classes at the Pottery Lab, 1010 Aurora. To register, go online to www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation/econnect or call the registration office at (303) 413-7270.

- Ages 6-7

Mondays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. from Sept. 12 to Nov. 1

Register for barcode #89388. Fee: \$54 residents / \$68 non-residents

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. from Sept. 12 to Nov. 1

Register for barcode #89389. Fee: \$54 residents / \$68 non-residents

- Ages 8-10

Thursdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. from Sept. 15 to Nov. 3

Register for barcode #89394. Fee: \$54 residents / \$68 non-residents

- Hanging ornaments and decorations

For ages 8-10. Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. from Oct. 5 to Nov. 2.

Register for barcode #89396. Fee: \$35 residents / \$44 non-residents

For more information about this program and to join the pottery e-mail list to be notified of upcoming classes and events go to www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation or call (303) 441-3446.

Volunteers needed for Indian Summer 5K/10K and 1K Kids' Fun Run

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department needs volunteers to help with a series of running races hosted by the Boulder Running Company. These races will benefit EXPAND, a recreation program for people with disabilities. The first race is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Boulder Reservoir.

There are many volunteer opportunities to choose from including set up and break down, course marshals, water aid stations, face painting and registration. Volunteers will be needed from approximately 7 a.m. to noon and will receive a t-shirt and snacks. For more information and to volunteer, contact Sherri Nelson-Brown at (303) 441-4933 or brownsh@ci.boulder.co.us.

Youth and adult dance classes available

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of dance classes for youth and adults. Choose from parent/tot classes, hip hop, jazz, pre-ballet/ballet and tap. Visit www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation for information on specific class times and fees and to join the dance e-mail list to be notified of upcoming classes and events.

Adult volleyball league registration begins Sept. 12

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department begins registration for volleyball from Sept. 12-16 via three convenient options:

1) Online registration at www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation/econnect beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 (PIN and barcode needed; call (303) 413-7270).

2) Walk-in registration at East Boulder Community Center, 5660 Sioux Drive; North Boulder Recreation Center, 3170 Broadway; and South Boulder Recreation Center, 1360 Gillaspie Drive. Call (303) 441-3410 for hours at each facility.

3) Phone-in registration at (303) 413-7270 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 (Visa and Mastercard accepted).

Late registrations will be taken on an as-needed basis only and will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

For more information call the city of Boulder Sports Office at (303) 441-3410. Join the sports e-mail list to be notified of upcoming classes and events at www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation.

Youth volleyball classes begin Sept. 10 at South Boulder Recreation Center

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation department offers volleyball for ages 7 to 18 which stress fundamental skills and basic team strategies. Classes are held on Saturdays beginning Sept. 10 through Oct. 29, and are held from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 11 to 18 and from noon to 1:30 p.m. for ages 7 to 10. All classes are held at the South Boulder Recreation Center, 1360 Gillaspie. To register, call (303) 413-7270. For class information, call (303) 441-3410. Join the sports e-mail list to be notified of upcoming classes and events: www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation.

Indoor volleyball classes offered at North Boulder Recreation Center

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation is offering indoor volleyball classes for all levels from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 19 through Nov. 14, at the North Boulder Recreation Center, 3170 Broadway. Fee is \$96 for residents and \$120 for non-residents. To register, call (303) 413-7270. For class information call (303) 441-3410. Join the sports e-mail list to be notified of upcoming classes and events at www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation.

Youth football open for grades 3-7

The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department offers youth football to teach the fundamentals of football, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Participants are divided into groups by grade and weight. Teams practice two to three times a week at East Boulder Community Center, North Boulder Recreation Center and South Boulder Recreation Center through October 29. Fee: \$208 residents, \$235 non-residents. To register, call (303) 413-7270. For class information, call (303) 441-3410. Join the sports e-mail list to be notified of upcoming classes and events: www.ci.boulder.co.us/parks-recreation.

Seniors invited to candidates forum September 20

The city of Boulder Senior Community Advisory Committee (SCAC) is sponsoring a free candidates forum from 9:30 a.m.

to noon on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the East Boulder Senior Center , 5660 Sioux Drive featuring local candidates. For more information, call Barbara Martig, chair of the SCAC, (303) 666-1255. No reservation is necessary.

Senior stretch and relaxation class continues

Boulder Senior Services continues to offer a stretch and relaxation class from 11:15 to noon on Wednesdays at the West Senior Center , 909 Arapahoe. Newcomers to exercise are encouraged to come. Improved breathing, stress relief and chair exercises are involved. The fee is \$24 to \$29 for 12 classes, Sept. 7 through Nov. 30. For further information or to sign up, call Boulder Senior Services at (303) 441-3148 or (303) 441-4150. Boulder Senior Services is a division of the city of Boulder 's Housing and Human Services Department.

Senior Services offers memory fitness for seniors

Boulder Senior Services offers a memory fitness class for seniors to exercise their minds and develop new ways to remember details. This one time class is offered from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the East Boulder Senior Center , 5660 Sioux Drive . The fee is \$8 for city residents, or \$10 for non-residents. For further information or to sign up, call Boulder Senior Services at (303) 441-3148 or (303) 441-4150. Boulder Senior Services is a division of the city of Boulder 's Housing and Human Services Department.

Celebrate "Grandparents Day" on Thursday, Sept. 8

Boulder Senior Services is sponsoring Grandparents Appreciation and Resources Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the East Boulder Senior Center , 5660 Sioux Drive . This free event is geared towards grandparents raising grandchildren. There are over 1,000 in Boulder County . Guest speakers will discuss legal issues and how to discuss today's youth issues with grandchildren, at 9 a.m. and again at 10 a.m. Home safety and health tips will be discussed at 11 a.m.

Information tables will be staffed by many local agencies including resources offered by the city of Boulder Children , Youth and Families and Boulder Senior Services, divisions of the city of Boulder 's Housing and Human Services Department. To register for childcare during the event, call (303) 441-1101. For lunch reservations, call (303) 441-4150, compliments of Boulder County Aging Services division.

Seniors invited to day trip to Gold Hill

Boulder Senior Services is sponsoring a day trip for seniors to the Gold Hill Inn from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The fee is \$69 to \$82 and includes transportation and meal. For reservations and information, call (303) 441-4150 or (303) 441-3148. Boulder Senior Services is a division of the city of Boulder 's Housing and Human Services Department.

Circle of sages for seniors

Boulder Senior Services is offering a new class based on the non-sectarian teachings of local sage, Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi, author of "From Age-ing to Sage-ing." The class will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Fridays beginning Sept. 16, and will run for 6 weeks at the East Boulder Senior Center , 5660 Sioux Drive . This new group will be lead by Lori Miller, M.S. a former director of the Spiritual Eldering Institute in Boulder . The fee is \$99 to \$114. This class is for ages 60 and over; people under 60 can sign up on Thursday, Sept. 1, if there is still space.

Information session and discussion scheduled about the future of the Washington Elementary School site

The city of Boulder invites the public to attend a meeting to receive the latest information about the city's lease of the Washington Elementary School site at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the North Boulder Recreation Center , 3170 Broadway, multi-purpose room. An information session will be held from 7:30 to 8 p.m. followed by a discussion from 8 to 9 p.m.

In 2003, the Boulder Valley School District closed the Washington Elementary School located at 1215 Cedar Avenue in north-central Boulder . Earlier this year, the school district announced intentions to sell the school site. Boulder 's City Council decided to lease the site to allow time to identify developers capable of bringing community beneficial uses, that preserve existing historic values, to the site. City staff has developed proposed goals for the site, along with a process to reach those goals, and will soon be asking Council to endorse these proposals. For more information, visit www.ci.boulder.co.us/comm/Washington or contact Carl Castillo, city policy advisor, at (303) 441-3009 or castilloc@ci.boulder.co.us.

City of Boulder recruiting for Boards and Commissions

The Boulder City Council is currently accepting applications for city Boards and Commissions.

City Boards offer a unique opportunity to become involved in local government and the community. Service on all Boards is voluntary. Generally, applicants must be a city elector, 18 years of age, and reside within the Boulder city limits.

There are five boards that have vacancies: The Arts Commission; Board of Zoning Adjustment and Building Appeals; Housing Authority; Library Commission; and University Hill General Improvement District. Each board and commission has specific responsibilities and works with and advises particular city departments and City Council on related issues. Applications can be picked up at the Council Office, 1777 Broadway, Municipal Building, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday or at www.ci.boulder.co.us/cmo/boards/bcindex.html. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, (no late applications or postmarks will be accepted). Appointments will be made Oct. 18. For more information, contact Keith Richardson, Boulder City Council Office, (303) 441-3090.